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Dear Mr. Rickert:

As a member of the CMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force since 1999 and a former President of the Palatine/Willow Road CMT (an anti-road expansion organization), I'm writing to thank you, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, and Tom Murtha for all you have accomplished.

As Chair of this outstanding organization you need to know when something remarkable has happened because of efforts so many years ago. This Task Force was one of the first agencies to introduce the Illinois Department of Transportation to planners from several states that were using innovative Context Sensitive Solutions as a design philosophy for roads. Working with the stake holders assured that any new or expanded roadway would address resident concerns and provide safe access for all users.

Because of the Task Force's commitment in 1999 to challenge long established beliefs in road design, it's possible for communities like the Village of Northfield to reach a peaceful, well designed final solution for Willow Road. IDOT's cooperation to see this process through despite some contentious meetings and Tom Murtha's attendance over two years to keep the goal in focus has to be commended.

Northfield is one of the first communities to test Illinois' Context Sensitive Solutions legislation. In 1999, under Tom Murtha and Gin Kilgore's guidance, the Bike and Ped Task Force was an early supporter of the CSS legislation. A much needed process that provides communities time to air grievances, articulate their concerns and learn about alternative solutions. So much time has passed since this Task Force first discussed how to give communities' support in their struggle with ever increasing traffic, it's important to acknowledge the work done in promoting CSS legislation and establishing tools for IDOT and municipalities to find common ground.

Best regards,

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